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The 2013 Inverted Jenny and Not Inverted Jenny

By Douglas Files

The **1918 Curtiss Jenny Air Mail Stamps** are a set of three **Airmail postage stamps** issued by the **United States**. The 24¢ variety (C3) was the first (May 14) of the stamps to be issued And is America's first **Air-mail stamp**. The 6¢ (C1) and 16¢ (C2) varieties were issued later (Dec. 10 and July 11 respectively) to reflect reductions of the first ounce airmail postage rate. The order of the Scott Catalog numbers for these stamps (C1 through C3) is the inverse of the order of release dates for the stamps.



The Infamous Inverted Jenny

A single sheet of 100 of the two-color 24¢ was printed with the center design inverted, thus creating the **Inverted Jenny C3a**.

The 2013 Reproduction of the Inverted Jenny

On September 22, 2013 the **USPS** issued a **souvenir sheet** (4806) illustrating six examples of the inverted stamp denominated \$2 instead of the original 24 cents. The sheets were sold at face value, \$12 (the issue was sold only as souvenir sheets of six).

Non-Inverted Reproductions of SC 4806

In addition to the 2.2 million sheets printed with the plane inverted, the Postal Service announced it also printed 100 "non-inverted Jenny" souvenir sheets (4806d), with the plane flying right side up. All sheets (inverted and not inverted) are individually wrapped in sealed envelopes to recreate the excitement of finding an Inverted Jenny when opening the envelope and to avoid the possibility of discovering a corrected Jenny prior to purchase.

Individuals purchasing one of the 100 non-inverted Jenny sheets find a congratulatory note inside the wrapping asking them to call to receive a certificate signed by **Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe**. A non-inverted sheet was purchased and sold in 2014 auctions for \$51,750, with the 15% buyer's premium.

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Meetings and Activities
Meetings begin at 7:30 pm

Sept 2 - Labor Day (Church Closed) No Meeting

Sept 9 Board Meeting

Sept 16 -Club Auction #4 (philatelic material only)

Oct 7 Precancel/Perfins Study Group 6:30 pm

Oct 4-6 INDYPEX, Hamilton County Fairgrounds, Noblesville, IN.

Oct 7 Solve My Mystery: Bring in a philatelic item you can't ID

Oct 14 Board Meeting (set 2019 calendar & budget review)

Oct 21 - Club Members Bourse #2 (aka Sell, Buy, Trade)

Nov 4—Precancel/Perfins Study Group 6:30 pm

Nov 4 - Club/Guest Speaker – TBD

Nov 9 & 10 — MSDA Cincinnati Stamp Show Four Points Sheraton, West Chester, OH Saturday 10 to 5 and Sunday 10 to 3

Nov 11 Board Meeting

Nov 18—Club Auction #5 and Elections (philatelic material only)

Dec 2 - Club Holiday Dinner @ local restaurant, 6:30 pm— Mark the date RSVP Needed

Dec 9 Board Meeting

Dec 13 & 14 Worthington Stamp Club Show, St. Andrew Parish Hall, 1899 McCoy Rd., Columbus, OH Fri. 10 –6 pm & Sat. 10 –3 pm

Dec 16—No Meeting – Enjoy the Holiday Season!

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WANTED USED SANTA STAMPS

Wanted stamps with a Santa Claus pictured from any country - postally used. On or off paper or on cover. Will trade for recent USA used stamps. Contact Susan Kolze at DSC meeting or via email skolze@gmail.com.

Precancel / Perfin Study Group - Meeting time is 6:30 pm on the first regular meeting of each month.. Contact Susan Kolze at DSC Stamp Club meeting or by email skolze@gmail.com



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In 2015 the Postal Service's **Inspector General** called the issuing of a few right side up Jenny airmail sheets improper because regulations do not allow the deliberate creation and distribution of stamp errors. The Service's general counsel was aware of the plan but formal approval did not occur. It was also found that the Service's stamp fulfillment center had accidentally failed to distribute 23 of the 30 sheets it was supposed to randomly mix in with orders (the other 70 went to local post offices). Thus, not even the promised 100 were made available to the public.



SC 4806 \$2.00 Sheet of

In 2015 USPS reported that as many as 70 upright \$2 Jenny's were delivered to Post Offices. Thus, as many as 48 may be in local post offices or with unaware collectors – or very quiet ones. The \$2 Jenny Invert were taken off sale at the USPS Stamp Fulfillment Services in November 2016.

Missing 68 Sheets of Not-Inverted Jenny



Files CREATED 4806d

Jay Bigatke reported in *Linn's Stamp News* October 15, 2018, "As of September 2018, it is believed that of the 100 panes of six \$2 stamps showing the blue Jenny biplane flying right side up, only 32 have been reported as found."

Bigatke suggested, "if you are hunting for these stamps, talk with the supervisor who handles the stamp stock at your local post office." He continues, "If you're successful in finding one of the unreported upright varieties, we [*Linn's*]

look forward to hearing from you."

Listed in the 2019 Scott Catalogue 4806d has a price listed of \$75,000 with a single (4806e) listed at \$13,500.

Dayton Stamp Club 2019 Stamp Quiz Mike

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- 1) Who was the second Postmaster General of the United States/
- 2) What is an A.E.F. booklet?
- 3) Of all the U.S. stamps featuring an American buffalo (bison) which one was the first to feature a buffalo facing right?
- 4) A stamp showing a big orange moon.
- 5) A stamp showing the sloop *RESTAURATIONEN*.
- 6) A U.S. stamp that shows a group of workers.
- 7) Which *light violet* colored stamp pictures **Botticelli's** – The Three Graces?
- 8) Which U.S. stamp shows two hands and fire?
- 9) Which U.S. stamp shows a drop of water?
- 10) Which U.S. stamp was the first to show a U.S. satellite?
- 11) Which U.S. commemorative was intentionally altered to give "collectors a chance at an error stamp...?"
- 12) Willie and Joe (two cartoon characters) appear on which two U.S. stamps?
- 13) How many Stamps feature the **Mackinac Bridge**?
- 14) Which two American expressionists artists are featured twice on U.S. art related stamps?
- 15) Which stamp shows Alexander Calder's *Portrait of a Young Man*?
- 16) Which two stamps note the New York World's Fair?
- 17) Which U.S. stamps feature radio waves?
- 18) In what city was the First Day of Issue held for the three 29 cent, self-adhesive Eagle and Shield stamps?
- 19) Which two U.S. history changing engineering feats, which occurred 100 years apart, are commemorated on a 1944 and a 1969 stamp?
- 20) Which stamp shows Same the Eagle and flag?
- 21) How many *Scott* numbers are used to list the Express Mail stamps featuring the bald Eagle?
- 22) A letter posted in Dayton in 1800 is considered a _____ cover.
- 23) A catalogue number prefixed with the letters **RY** denotes?
- 24) The Ryukyu Islands special delivery stamp, E1, of 1950 pictures a _____.
- 25) How many *Scott* C76 stamps were issued?

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DSC Perfins and Precancel

Study Group

Last year Dayton Stamp Club (DSC) members started a study group for Perfins and Precancels. The study group meets the first regular meeting of each month at 6:30 pm prior to the regular DSC meeting. The purpose of the study group is to learn about Perfins and Precancels, exchange information and improve their own collecting interests.

PERFINS

In philately, a perfin is a stamp that has had initials or a name perforated across it to discourage theft. The name is a contraction of **perforated initials** or **perforated insignia**. They are also sometimes called *SPIFS (Stamps Perforated with Initials of Firms and Societies)*



USA - Scott 720 w/ Perfin & Slogan Cancel

Great Britain was the first country to use perfins, beginning in 1868. The practice spread quickly to Belgium (1872); Denmark, France, Germany and Switzerland (1876); and Austria (1877); the U.S. finally allowed perfins in 1908. The reason for perforating stamps was to discourage theft. In many countries unused stamps could be redeemed for cash. Stamps with perfin holes could not.



A 1951 perfin stamp of Great Britain showing front (top) and reverse (bottom).

There are two Perfins organizations: The Perfin Society <http://www.angelfire.com/pr/perfinsoc/> and The Perfins Club <https://www.perfins.org/>

PRECANCEL

A **precanceled stamp**, or **precancel** for short, is a postage stamp that has been cancelled before being affixed to mail. Precanceled stamps are typically used by mass mailers, who can save the postal system time and effort by prearranging to use the precancels, and delivering the stamped mail ready for sorting.

Precancels were also used on newspaper wrappers in Canada, Austria and Great Britain. The postal administration will typically offer an incen-

tive in the form of a reduced price for precanceled stamps in volume. Precancels cannot normally be purchased by the general public, although they are often seen in one's daily mail.



U.S. 2¢ stamp of 1938 with New York precancel, Scott #806, PSS

A number of nations of the world use precancels, typically in the form of an overprint on definitive series stamps. For instance, in France, the overprint is a semicircle reading *AFFRANCHTS. POSTES* (Affranchissements Postes). Many towns and cities of Belgium and the United States have issued precancels printed with the community's name; in the case of the US, some 9,500 distinct examples of "bureau precancels" are known. Some types of precancels include a date as well.



French 4-centime Blanc issue stamp of 1900, Yvert et Tellier #110, precanceled in 1924

Perfins and Precancels were often seen as used or damaged. Many collectors did not consider collecting these types of stamps. Increased interest over the years developed the perfins and precancels into serious stamp collecting with their own organizations, journals, shows and publications.

The Precancel Stamp Society has been in existence since 1912. For more information see: <https://www.perfins.org/>

DSC STUDY GROUP INFORMATION

If you are interested in learning more about perfins and precancels consider meeting with the Study Group on the first Monday of the month prior to the regular DSC meeting. If there is not a regular DSC meeting there is not a study group meeting. For more information see DSC member Susan Kolze.

DSC Perfin Precancel Study Group
First Regular Monthly Meeting
6:30 pm prior to regular meeting

Iceland Ending Philatelic Service

In a letter, Vilhjalmur Sigurdsson, Iceland Post's Head of Philately, wrote that the agency's philatelic operations, *PostPhil*, will cease at the end of 2019, after about 90 years in operation. This was reported online by Lloyd A. de Vries in the Virtual Stamp Club <http://virtualstampclub.com/> posted on August 21, 2019 by VSC.

Sigurdsson explained, "We still have two stamp issues left this year, on September 12th. and October 31st., but when they are done the department will be closed for good and will stop serving stamp collectors, domestic and foreign, altogether. The fact that the number of our philatelic customers have constantly been decreasing year after year has led to years of deficit for *Postphil* Iceland Post has got a new CEO Mr. Birgir Jonsson, who is cutting down everything that is not profitable in this company, including *Postphil*,"



Island SC #1
1873



"The current management of Iceland Post Ltd. prefers, if possible, to stop issuing new stamps altogether," Sigurdsson writes. "If the company must keep on issuing new stamps in 2020 and onward the number of new stamps will be very few each year and there will be no service for stamp collectors." What stamp production remains may be handled by outside contractors. Sigurdsson explained "I will leave Iceland Post Ltd., in September after 20 years in charge of *Postphil*."

Iceland
SC #1276
2019

Icelandic collectors may want to consider purchases of needed stamps prior to any potential price increase due to inability to secure stamps. No permanent decision has been made and would be by the Iceland government.

Iceland started issuing stamps in 1873. Presently there are 1294 separate issued listed in Scott's Catalogue. That does not include possible covers and other postally used materials. Early stamps command an appropriate cost while more recent are comparable to other modern issues.



Christmas stamps scheduled to be issued October 31, 2019

Answers to Dayton Stamp Club 2019 Stamp Quiz by Mike Komiensky

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| 1) Richard Bache
1c & 2c stamps, 1917 booklet Allied | 1) SC# 1392 [1979] Wildlife Conservation and
Expeditary Force |
| 2) SC# 2320 [1987] and SC# 4041 [2006]
SC# 1548 [1974] Legend of Sleep Hollow &
SC# 2340 [1988] Ratification of Constitution | 2) SC# 732 [1933] National Recovery Act
(NRA) |
| 3) SC# 620 [1925] Norse American issue
SC# 895 [1940] Pan American Union issue | 3) SC# 2596 green and SC# 2597 red
SC# 9222 [1944] Transcontinental Railroad |
| 4) SC# 1173 [1960] Echo I Communication for
Peace | 4) SC# 2596 green and SC# 2597 red
SC# 9222 [1944] Transcontinental Railroad |
| 5) SC# 1204 [1962] Dag Hammarskjöld (org.
SC# 1203a) | 5) SC# 3944c [2005] Jim Henson and the
Muppets |
| 6) SC# 2765h [1993] WMM1 1943 29c & SC#
445 [2010] Bill Mauldin | 6) SC# 3944c [2005] Jim Henson and the
Muppets |
| 7) SC# 1109 [1958] & SC# 4438 [2010]
1 - Mark Rothko SC# 3236t No 12 | 7) SC# 3944c [2005] Jim Henson and the
Muppets |
| 8) American Art & SC# 4444c Orange and
Yellow Abstract Expressionist] | 8) SC# 3944c [2005] Jim Henson and the
Muppets |
| 9) SC# 444c Orange and
Yellow Abstract Expressionist] | 9) SC# 3944c [2005] Jim Henson and the
Muppets |
| 10) SC# 444c Orange and
Yellow Abstract Expressionist] | 10) SC# 3944c [2005] Jim Henson and the
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| 11) SC# 444c Orange and
Yellow Abstract Expressionist] | 11) SC# 3944c [2005] Jim Henson and the
Muppets |
| 12) SC# 444c Orange and
Yellow Abstract Expressionist] | 12) SC# 3944c [2005] Jim Henson and the
Muppets |
| 13) SC# 444c Orange and
Yellow Abstract Expressionist] | 13) SC# 3944c [2005] Jim Henson and the
Muppets |
| 14) SC# 444c Orange and
Yellow Abstract Expressionist] | 14) SC# 3944c [2005] Jim Henson and the
Muppets |
| 15) SC# 3201 [1998]
Convergence Abstract Expressionist | 15) SC# 3944c [2005] Jim Henson and the
Muppets |
| 16) SC# 853 [1939] and SC# 1244 [1964]
1- SC# 1260 [1964] Amateur Radio; 2- SC#
1274 [1965] International | 16) SC# 3944c [2005] Jim Henson and the
Muppets |
| 17) SC# 1260 [1964] Amateur Radio; 2- SC#
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Muppets |
| 21) Total of 8 numbers - 1909, BK140 [1983];
2122 a, b, c, BK148, BK149 [1985]; 3394
[1988]; 2540, 2541, 2542 [1991] | 21) Total of 8 numbers - 1909, BK140 [1983];
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More Dayton Stamp Club Member Benefits

Classifieds

Every Dayton Stamp Club (DSC) member is entitled to post classified ads in the newsletter. There are several reasons an ad could contribute to your collection. The club has 5 auctions a year. What are you looking for; a specific country, a specific year, or some missing set or part of a set? Some other club member may have the item you are seeking. If you don't ask, no one will know you are seeking that item.



What duplicates do you have? Announcing what you are bringing to the auction can increase interest. Write a classified before the auction date. Describe your auction lot in a way that would encourage a person to be interested.

What do you have to sell or give away? What are you seeking to buy? How is anyone to know what you want or need unless you announce it. Take advantage of the newsletter.

Auctions



Many of the members are long-time collectors while others are more recent. Oddities or unusual items are always interesting. Bags of stamps especially off-paper can be fun. Generally, expensive and rare stamps are not in the auction - but could be. Like any auction people are seeking bargains or the hard to find sets and single items.

There are five club auctions each year. Each member can place no more than five items in one auction. All the items placed up for auction should be philatelic related.

NEXT CLUB AUCTION IS SEPTEMBER 16 and the last for this year is November 18.

Bourse— October 21

Gather those duplicates. Why accumulate tons of extras on paper and you know you will never “get around to it.” Club Members’ Bourses are a great way to move duplicates out of your house and on to someone else. That treasure you cannot remember how or why you purchased might be the exact item someone else is seeking.

Be a stamp dealer for a few hours. Prepare your lots in baggies or glassines or on pages. Describe the best you can. Make them look worthy of purchase. Put a price on it and you are on your way. You place your materials—stamps, albums, supplies, covers and literature—on a table for sale at the club meeting.



APS Fraud Watch

BELLEFONTE, PA: The American Philatelic Society (APS) has received a report of a phone scam perpetrated by individuals who claim they are part of the APS staff.

The individuals in question represented themselves as part of the American Philatelic Society and requested payment in advance in exchange for selling the collection of the man who received the call. The phone numbers provided by the perpetrators were connected to a fake APS voicemail recording.

The American Philatelic Society has been in contact with local law enforcement to address this report. If you have experienced a similar scam, please [contact Ken Martin](#) at the APS.

To remind our members and stamp collectors across the country: the APS does not purchase stamp collections. The APS will never make an unsolicited call or offer to members or non-members, or pressure you to make an immediate decision or payment. All official APS correspondence occurs through the phone number (814) 933-3803 and email domain stamps.org.

Professional stamp dealers and legitimate sellers rarely make cold calls or charge fees in advance of services. They are less likely to push you to make a quick decision, and they will properly identify themselves so you can pass their information on to other potential buyers and sellers.

Unless you do your homework and know who you are dealing with do not pay in advance of the service. There is a chance they will take your money and disappear.

The APS will be happy to respond to inquiries on a dealer or individual's APS member status. If you are looking for someone to buy your collection, we suggest visiting our member dealer directory.